

**In the Drawings**

Fig. 2b is canceled as shown in the enclosed annotated copy filed herewith. A replacement set of formal drawings is enclosed, Figs. 1-4, filed herewith. Acknowledgement of acceptance of the replacement set of formal drawings is requested.

### **REMARKS**

Claims 3, 5-21, 24 and 26-27 are canceled. New claim 31 is added.

Figure 2b of the drawings is objected to for allegedly having new matter not supported by the originally-filed application. The drawings are amended to cancel Fig. 2b, and therefore, this objection is rendered moot. A replacement set of formal drawings are provided to replace the pending drawings. Acknowledgement of acceptance of the replacement set of formal drawings is requested.

The specification is objected to for allegedly incorporating new matter directed to canceled Fig. 2b. Applicant has amended the specification to cancel the alleged new matter listed by the Examiner at page 4 of the Final action (paper no. 20050531), and therefore, this objection is rendered moot.

Claims 23-25 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 24 and intervening claim 3. Accordingly, claim 1 as amended is allowable.

Claims 2, 4, 22-23, 25 and 28-30 depend from allowable independent claim 1, and therefore, claims 2, 4, 22-23, 25 and 28-30 are allowable.

New independent claim 31 is rewritten allowable dependent claim 23 and includes the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 3. Accordingly, new claim 31 is allowable.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to

be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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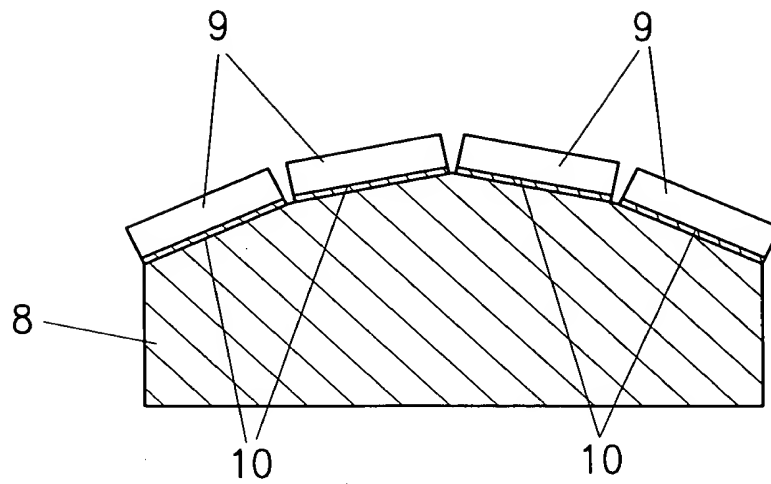


Fig. 2

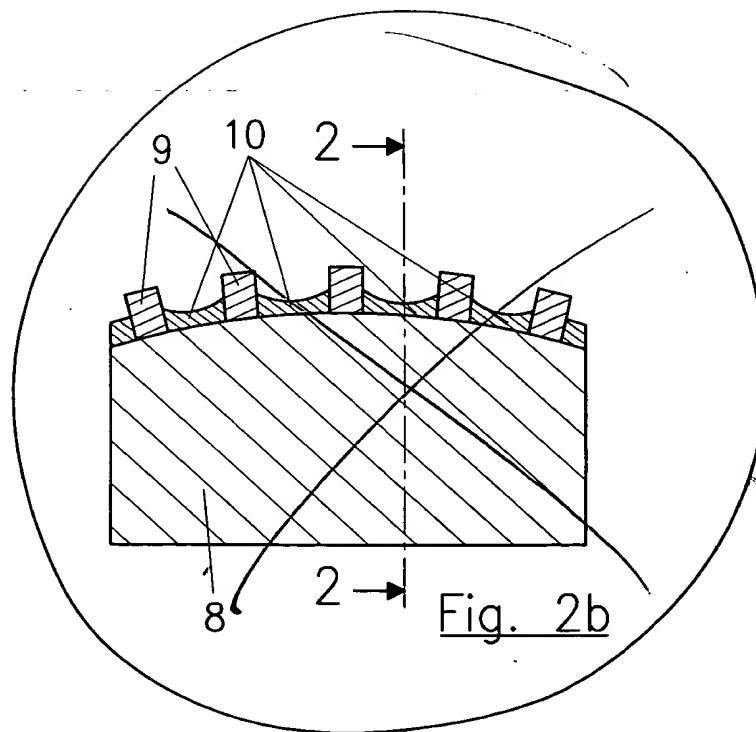


Fig. 2b